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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: COUNTER-TERRORISM MEASURES BY GOM

BEGIN SUMMARY: CONFIDENTIAL MEMO RECEIVED FROM PROTOCOL OFFICE SETS FORTH PLAN FOR INCREASED PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, INCLUDING 24-HOUR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER, 24-HOUR DIRECT EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS LINK, AND SUGGESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION TO SAFEGUARD PERSONNEL AGAINST TERRORIST ACTION. EMBASSY'S REACTION FAVORABLE. PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES INDICATE POST'S COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES PROBABLY COMPATIBLE WITH MEXICAN SYSTEM. ADVICE SOLICITED FROM OC AND SY. IF PLAN FEASIBLE, POST WILL REQUEST ANTI-TERRORISM FUNDS. POST INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL ENCOMPASSES MOST OF SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION ADVANCED IN GOM MEMO. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATED TEXT OF CONFIDENTIAL MEMO ENTITLED: "MEMORANDUM CONCERNING SECURITY MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE PROTECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN MEXICO", DATED JULY 5, 1976, RECEIVED FROM GOM PROTOCOL OFFICE, ADDRESSED TO ALL ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS:

BEGIN TEXT: A. MEASURES TAKEN BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES:

1. THE METROPOLITAN POLICE HAS ESTABLISHED A
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SURVEILLANCE SERVICE AT THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

(CHANCERY, RESIDENCE OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION)
FORMED BY FOOT, MOTORIZED AND AIR PATROLS.
THIS SERVICE WILL BE INCREASED DAILY BETWEEN
0800 AND 1000, AND 1800 AND 2000 HOURS.

2. SPECIAL SURVEILLANCE WILL BE GRANTED TO
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS THAT REQUIRE SUCH DUE TO
PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM INTERNATIONAL OR
DOMESTIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. THE METROPOLITAN POLICE HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED
A RADIO STATION SERVICE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF
THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS DESIRING TO USE THAT
POLICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

THIS SERVICE WILL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF ALERTING
IMMEDIATELY SECURITY PERSONNEL; FOR EXAMPLE, AN
INCIDENT THAT COULD ARISE WHEN A DIPLOMAT IS BEING
TRANSPORTED FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. MISSIONS INTER-
ESTED IN USING THIS SERVICE CAN DO SO SIMPLY BY ACQUIRING
AND INSTALLING THE PROPER TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING
EQUIPMENT IN THE VEHICLE OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION, IN ANY
OTHER VEHICLES OF THE MISSION OR IN THE CHANCERY.
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE EQUIPMENT TO BE CONNECTED
WITH THE RADIO POLICE STATION, ARE GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

FIXED BASE EQUIPMENT; OUTGOING POWER, FROM 35 TO 40
WATTS OF RADIO FREQUENCY.

MOBILE EQUIPMENT; OUTGOING POWER, FROM 25 TO 35 WATTS
OF RADIO FREQUENCY.

PORTABLE EQUIPMENT; OUTGOING POWER, FROM 1.5 TO 3
WATTS OF RADIO FREQUENCY.

ALL OF THEM WITH A FREQUENCY STABILITY OF PLUS OR
MINUS .0005 PERCENT MINUS 30 C. PLUS 60 DEGREES C. IN THE
TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER.

FIXED AND MOBILE; OUTGOING AUDIO, FROM 3 TO 5 WATTS
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(10 PERCENT DISTORTION).

PORTABLE; OUTGOING AUDIO, FROM 1 TO 3 WATTS.

ALL RECEIVERS: SENSITIVITY OF 12 DB 0.3 UV./20 DB
0.4 UV.

EQUIPMENT OF THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS AVAIL-

ABLE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAKES: SONAR, AERTRON AND
GENERAL ELECTRIC (MODELS MASTER, PACER, PROGRESS AND CUS
TOM EXECUTIVE).

MISSIONS INTERESTED CAN
OBTAIN MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS
RADIO POLICE SERVICE BY CALLING DIRECTLY TO GENERAL
DANIEL GUTIERREZ SANTON, CHIEF OF THE METROPOLITAN
POLICE (DIRECCION GENERAL DE POLICIA Y TRANSITO DEL D.F.),
TELEPHONE NUMBERS 588-5617 OR 588-5100, EXT 117.

B. SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS TO BE
TAKEN BY MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

1. INVESTIGATE PERSONAL AND FAMILY BACKGROUND OF
SERVICE PERSONNEL (MAIDS, COOKS, CHAUFFEURS, SECRE-
TARIDO, OFFICE BOYS, GARDENERS, ETC.) BEFORE HIRING
THEM.

2. INSTRUCT SERVICE PERSONNEL OF THE CHANCERY AND
THAT OF RESIDENCES, TO KEEP PERMANENT WATCH OF
SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE AROUND EMBASSIES OR RESIDENCES,
WHOSE ATTITUDE OR QUESTIONS SEEM TO BE IMPROPER,
AND THAT SUCH CONDUCT BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO
THE SECURITY OFFICERS.

3. INSTRUCT SERVICE PERSONNEL IN CHARGE OF ANSWER-
ING TELEPHONES TO REPORT PROMPTLY ANY SUSPICIOUS
TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL OF THE
MEXICAN FOREIGN OFFICE, TELEPHONE NUMBER 592-1099
(WHICH NUMBER HAS BEEN INSTALLED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE
PURPOSE OF IMPROVING PROTECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE
DIPLOMATIC CORPS).

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4. TO FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURE IN ANY KIND OF THREAT
RECEIVED THROUGH ANY CHANNEL.

5. ADVISE EMBASSY DRIVERS THAT BEFORE HIS DIPLO-
MATIC PASSENGERS LEAVE, TO DRIVE AROUND THE RESI-
DENCE OR CHANCERY IN ORDER TO SEE IF THERE IS A
SUSPICIOUS CAR OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS, REPORTING
IMMEDIATELY ANY IRREGULAR ACTIVITY.

6. TRY DIFFERENT ROUTES AND SCHEDULE TO AVOID A
ROUTINE, WHICH COULD FACILITATE A KIDNAPPING OPERA-
TION.

7. INSTRUCT EMBASSY AND RESIDENCE DRIVERS TO GET
USED TO CONSTANTLY LOOKING IN THE MIRRORS OF THEIR
VEHICLES, AND IN CASE THEY NOTICE THEY ARE BEING FOLLOWED,
TO DRIVE FASTER AND LOOK FOR A MORE
SECURE AREA, WHICH COULD BE A POLICE CAR, A POLICE
STATION OR STREETS WITH HEAVY TRAFFIC.

8. KEEP DOORS OF VEHICLES LOCKED WHEN DRIVING
FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.

9. INSTRUCT SERVICE PERSONNEL NOT TO FURNISH INFOR-
MATION REGARDING FUTURE SCHEDULES AND ACTIVITIES (VACATION,
TRIPS, ETC.) OF EMBASSY OR RESIDENCE EMPLOYEES, OR
OF THE PEOPLE THEY WORK FOR.
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10. AVOID AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DRIVING OR WALKING AT
NIGHT IN UNPOPULATED AREAS. END TEXT.

2. THE POST VIEWS THE FOREGOING AS POSITIVE COUNTER-
TERRORISM MEASURES AND BELIEVES THAT EVERY EFFORT
SHOULD BE MADE TO ENCOURAGE HOST GOVERNMENT ASSUMPTION
OF GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATIC
PERSONNEL. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE FRENCH HAVE ALREADY

TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

3. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH MEXICAN POLICE COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS INDICATES THAT WITH MODIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT NOW AT POST PLUS THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL RADIO UNITS, COMPATABILITY CAN BE ACHIEVED. COST ESTIMATES AND PROCUREMENT DATA NOT YET WORKED-UP BUT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT SHORTLY.

4. POLICE COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS OFFERED TO SERVICE OUR EQUIPMENT IF WE GO ALONG WITH PLAN BUT THE POST, BEING ENTIRELY CAPABLE OF SERVICING ITS OWN, WOULD DECLINE THE OFFER IN FAVOR OF PRESERVING INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF ENTIRE RADIO NETWORK.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EVALUATION OF PLAN BY OC AND SY/T AND WILL AWAIT ADVICE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TECHNICAL SECURITY FACTORS MIGHT PRECLUDE ADDITION OF EMERGENCY CHANNEL IN COM VEHICLE OR RESIDENCE RADIOS. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT A TEST OF THE CHANNEL WOULD BE RUN DAILY AT 0800 BY THE MEXICANS, REQUIRING A RESPONSE BY BENEFICIARIES.

6. IF PLAN CONSIDERED FEASIBLE, POST INTENDS TO REQUEST FUNDING UNDER ANTI-TERRORISM PROGRAM, SINCE THE PROJECT CLEARLY RELATES TO THAT PROGRAM AND WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ASSET TO THE SECURITY OF THIS MISSION.

7. MOST SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONAL SECURITY CONTAINED IN GOM MEMO ARE INCLUDED IN POST BRIEFING MATERIAL ON RESIDENCE SECURITY, EVASIVE DRIVING AND VEHICLE SECURITY. ALL NEWLY ARRIVING PERSONNEL ARE GIVEN THESE TIPS ORALLY
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